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### **Savoy Salutes Veterans**

**SAVOY** – The Village of Savoy is excited for this year’s Veterans Day celebration. As is the Village’s proud tradition, American Legion Post 1492 will host the annual event at the Savoy Veterans Memorial. The event will start at 11:00 AM on Friday, November 11, 2022. District Commander William A. Smith (USAF Ret.), Village President John Brown, guests, and local veterans are scheduled to speak. This year’s event will also honor American Legion District 19’s Chaplin of the Year recipient Bud Vandiver.

“We are so blessed to be Americans and to enjoy the hard-won freedoms that we have,” said Village President John Brown. “The brave men and women we celebrate today are the absolute best of us. While we don’t have to wait for Veterans Day to celebrate or honor them, this annual event is just one of the many ways we as a community say thank you.”, he continued.

This year’s event will be emceed by Stevie Jay, of Stevie Jay Broadcasting and ESPN 93.5, and will feature performances by the Unity Banner Singers and a bugler from the Marching Illini. In partnership with Phoenix Theatres Entertainment LLC and the Tolono Public Library District, the Village will invite veteran attendees, and a limited number of additional attendees present, to a special showing of Top Gun: Maverick at the Savoy 16.

This year’s event caps off in William A. Smith Park with hands-on experiences provided by the Illinois Army National Guard’s 106<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment (Decatur) and Company B, 634<sup>th</sup> Brigade Support Battalion (Champaign); the Savoy Fire Department (SFD); and the Champaign County Sheriff’s Office (CCSO). Attendees will be able to see and interact with a UH-60 Blackhawk; a large military vehicle; a SFD fire apparatus; a CCSO squad car; and the wonderful men and women who operate them.

The Village would like to thank all the community stakeholders and organizations who make this event amazing every year. A special thanks to the amazing men and women of this nation’s armed forces and their families.

Locations: Savoy Veterans Memorial (Ceremony)  
611 N. Dunlap Avenue  
Savoy, Illinois 61874

William A. Smith Park (Hands-On)  
200 Prairie Rose Lane  
Savoy, Illinois 61874

Date & Time: November 11, 2022 at 11:00 AM

Following the Ceremony

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